

SEC. 151. TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY ACT HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAMS.

Section 401 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1641) is amended to read as follows:

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“ (a) . . .

“ (b) . . .

“ (c) . . .

“ (d) DIRECT BILLING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to complying with the requirements of paragraph (2), a tribal health program may elect to directly bill for, and receive payment for, health care items and services provided by such program for which payment is made under title XVIII, XIX, or XXI of the Social Security Act or from any other third party payor.

“(2) DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT.—

“ (A) . . .

“ (B) . . .

“(C) IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.—Any tribal health program that receives reimbursements or payments under title 2 XVIII, XIX, or XXI of the Social Security Act shall provide to the Service a list of each provider enrollment number (or other identifier) under which such program receives such reimbursements or payments.

“(3) EXAMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Service and with the assistance of the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall examine on an ongoing basis and implement any administrative changes that may be necessary to facilitate direct billing and reimbursement under the program established under this subsection, including any agreements with States that may be necessary to provide for direct billing under a program under title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act.

“(B) COORDINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Service shall provide the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with copies of the lists submitted to the Service under paragraph (2)(C), enrollment data regarding patients served by the Service (and by tribal health programs, to the extent such data is available to the Service), and such other information as the Administrator may require for purposes of administering title XVIII, XIX, or XXI of the Social Security Act.

“(4) . . .

“(5) . . .

“(e) . . .